



Napoleons Primary School Newsletter #39

4th December 2025

Calendar

- 4th December – Year 6 Graduation
- 5th December – Pupil free day
- 9th December – Whole school transition day (9am-3pm)
- 11th December – End of year presentations
- 17th December – Whole school activities day

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19th December – Last day – 1:30 finish

27th January 2026 – Teachers return

28th January 2026 – Students return



Year F/1

Franklin N

For his wonderful tracing of words during Sounds Write

Year 1/2

Sienna D

For always trying her best and giving every task her full effort

Year 3/4

Cassie S

For incredible creativity with completing her novel response tasks

Year 5/6 G

Tyce K

For confidently presenting his leadership speech and going first

Year 5/6 H

Joey J

For always being a conscientious worker in all areas in our classroom

Well done Joe!

It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of Term 4 and the end of another year. As I write this, the Year 6 students are hard at work putting the finishing touches onto their Graduation celebration which occurs this evening. Thanks to all staff who have been involved in supporting this event – especially Judy Hutt, Chris Gartlan and Nicole Lakey. We are looking forward to an amazing night.

Statewide Transition Day

Next week on **Tuesday 9th December**, we have the Statewide Transition Day – this is a day for all Government Schools where all children in kindergartens attend their 2026 primary schools and all Year 6 students attend their 2026 secondary schools. At Napoleons Primary School we also choose this day as our ‘Grade Up’ Day. This is where all our students move up into their 2026 classrooms with their new teachers, where possible, for the day.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new Foundation students for the day. All families should know their classes from 2026 as I sent out letters to families with split grade levels on Monday for Year 3 students and Year 1 students. Foundation children will have a letter confirming their class arrangements handed out next Tuesday.

Awards/Presentation Night

Next week on Thursday we will have our Awards/Presentation Night. We will open the gates from 5:30 for families to arrive with their own picnics and spread out on the oval. We will be setting up on the grass outside the OSHC window, facing the oval. Please BYO picnic for your family members and picnic rug or chairs. This ceremony will be mostly awards with a Christmas song or two at the end. We look forward to celebrating our year with you all and farewelling our Year 6 students and any families finishing up with our school this year.



First ever Buninyong Blue Light Disco

Today we had a visit from Leading Senior Constable Des Hudson (formerly the Ballarat Mayor) who was keen to share the news about an exciting upcoming event. Buninyong is to host the first ever Blue Light Disco (see flyer attached).

Blue Light Disco is run by local police with volunteer and deliver youth focussed activities that are affordable, and free from alcohol, drugs, weapons etc.

The event will be in the Buninyong Town Hall and tickets are \$10 and are available via the QR code/Eventbrite on the poster.



Slip on sun protective clothing



Slop on SPF30+ sunscreen. Reapply every two hours



Slap on a broad-brimmed hat



Seek shade



Slide on wrap-around sunglasses

Slip Slop Slap

Today we have experienced one of the warmest days so far. Please remember to ensure your child has sunscreen applied each morning (they can reapply with school sunscreen throughout the day) and has their broad brimmed hat to ensure they can play outside in a sunsmart way.



Sue Izard
Principal



Class News

Term 4 Week 9

F/1

We have been so excited this week to welcome back Mrs Jones to our classroom. We have loved having her here, even if just for part days. We have missed you Mrs. Jones! This week in maths we have been learning about patterns. We particularly enjoyed using peg boards to make patterns and there were lots of Christmas patterns created. On Tuesday we had some visitors show us some Bollywood dancing- amazing! We hope everyone has a nice day off tomorrow, teachers will still be busy at school planning and learning. We look forward to a fun filled two weeks to go!

1/2

We're making a grinch right now, and finding all the different ways to make friends happy which makes the heart grow bigger (Hollie S)

In STEAM we made pictures on the iPad and made it move (Ethan Ho)

Yesterday we split classes which was fun (Holly R)

I liked making stickman (Kayden and Dylan)

How great the cookie was that Adaline made for the class (Lawson)

How much fun I had making a hut village with my friends (Obie)

3/4

In literacy we have been doing a 'Michaela Mason's Big List of Camp Worries' grid (Emily Jane)

In maths we have been learning about addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division (Morgan)

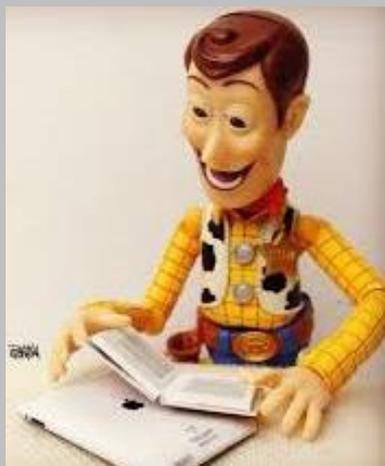
This week we have had a CRT while Mrs McKay is away (Jude)

5/6 G and H

Wow, what a week! We've finalised all preparations for tomorrow night's Grade 6 Graduation and are looking forward to a wonderful evening celebrating everything the students have achieved and what lies ahead. Today we also heard the Grade 5 Leadership Speeches for 2026, and every student did an outstanding job. We are confident we will have a fantastic student leadership team next year. Official announcement will be at assembly on the 12th of December. We have continued our response to our class novel with engaging activities such as book reviews, spy gadget designs and character profiles. In Maths, we've been exploring ratios, playing games to develop our number sense and are gearing up for some festive Christmas themed maths in the next two weeks.



Emily Jane J



Congratulations!

For 150 Nights

Ollie T

For 200 Nights

Lumen F

Anna G

Henry S

Alex D

For 300 Nights

Emma H

Matilda R

P.E

Some recent images of students enjoying their PE lesson at the Napoleons public tennis courts. Students have been learning elements of the game this term, such as the correct serving technique and forehand/backhand passes. It has been lots of fun, and so handy to have this resource so close to the school.



OSHC News with Danielle and Kristen

This week in OSHC, we've put on our craft Christmas hats and gotten busy creating works of art to make the room feel more festive. Along with this, we also had to make some DELICIOUS gingerbread cookies to fit in with the festivity. We look forward to a lot more activities like this in the last few weeks of the year



OSHC Award

Skylar

For always being persistent

Ready to support your child with Before and After School Care

Please remember to book your children into before school care if you need to drop them off earlier than 8:45am.

Please remember advertised fees are greatly reduced when you apply the Child Care Subsidy (CCS). Napoleons OSHC is open from 7am each day, until the 9am bell and reopens at 3:30pm for the after-school program which concludes at 6pm each night. Parents can make bookings via the following link:

https://prodadmin.myxplor.com/enrollment_v2/centre/x59V4dmEiRga0ifjM94231W4yA?param=

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is off to a great start this term! We're open bright and early, providing students with a welcoming space and a nutritious start to their day. Each morning, children can enjoy a selection of breakfast options such as toast, cereal, fruit, and milk. It's a great time for students to fuel up, connect with friends, and ease into the school day in a relaxed and supportive environment.

All students are welcome—there's no need to book, just come along! We'd like to thank our wonderful volunteers and staff for making Breakfast Club possible each week.

Breakfast club is open 8:30-9:00 in the Auslan and OSHC room. There is toast, cereal, fruit, and milk available



PFA Christmas Raffle

The PFA are hosting a Christmas Raffle

Tickets to the raffle will go home today

PFA are encouraging donations to include in the raffle if you are able to contribute

All donations can be handed into the office

Raffle will be drawn at the presentation on 11th December



Reverse Advent Calendar Donations

A huge thank you goes out to the Napoleons Primary School community for your donations to the Ballarat Reverse Advent Calendar 2026.

It is thanks to your generosity that we have filled 8 boxes with a huge range of items to deliver on Friday. These items will give families the extra support they need to make their Christmas just a little easier and a lot brighter. What a generous heart you have NPS!



Library books

Can all students please return their books from home to the library. Please check your houses to ensure no books are forgotten.

If in doubt please speak to Abbey or Nicole to check if any books need returning from your children

Borrowing is now closed off.



CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

AWARDED TO

Napoleons Primary School – \$ 5,404.00

2025

Playgroup

Napoleons Primary School Play Group

Our local Play Group has been buzzing with energy, laughter, and plenty of play! From ball pits and building blocks to trains, music, and balancing games, children have the chance to explore, play, and grow in a safe and welcoming environment.

As you can see in the photos, there's always something happening – whether it's little ones crawling and exploring sensory toys, toddlers building train tracks, or preschoolers testing their balance and coordination. Parents, grandparents, and carers enjoy the chance to connect while their children play together.

Please note that **Danielle will not be facilitating playgroup in 2026**. We are seeking expressions of interest from anyone who may like to host playgroup **every second Friday, during term, next year**.

If you or someone you know is interested, please contact **Sue** for more information.

If you have enquiries about Playgroup, feel free to email us, and we'll get back to you during OSHC hours



Napoleons Playgroup is on Facebook!

Stay up to date with what's happening at our Playgroup by following our Facebook page. We share updates, photos, and information about upcoming sessions and special events. Just search "**Napoleons Playgroup**" on Facebook and give us a follow!





Christmas Centrepiece Workshop

Sunday 7 Dec. 10am-2pm
8a Tuppen Dve Sebastopol

\$100 Covers all materials and lunch

Bookings essential

Call Jill - 0407 333 410

Funds raised support Alfredton Rotary's projects

Melb. Op-Shop Tour

Burnside
Thomastown
Deer Park



Sth Melb
Windsor
Pahran

Saturday, 13 Dec

Bus will Leave Ballarat 8.30 - Return ~4pm

Parking available behind 17 Errard Street North

Tickets \$60 includes bus and lunch

Book at errardhall@gmail.com (dietaries required asap)



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New students enrolled for 2026 will receive two complimentary lessons.

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Music lessons will now be on a **Thursday** for those students who have enrolled



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Respectful, safe, engaged: shared expectations to support student behaviour

When schools, families and students work together, we achieve the best outcomes. These partnerships are essential to creating school environments that support all students to belong, learn and thrive.

At Napoleons Primary School all students are expected to be respectful, safe, and engaged. These behaviours help make our school a place where everyone can achieve their best. As a parent and carer, you play a vital role in helping your child to understand and meet shared behaviour expectations.

Students meet behaviour expectations by being:

Respectful

- Following staff instructions and school rules.
- Caring for school property and others' belongings.
- Using respectful language.

Safe

- Keeping themselves and others safe from harm.
- Speaking up or seeking help from an adult if they or someone else is being treated unfairly.
- Only bringing safe and necessary items to school.

Engaged

- Going to school every day, being on time, and ready to learn.
- Taking part, doing their best, and asking for help when they need.
- Knowing and following the school's policies, including the mobile phone policy.

Napoleons Primary School is supporting our students to meet these expectations by being:

Respectful

- Teaching and demonstrating school rules and positive behaviour expectations to students.
- Explicitly teaching, modelling and acknowledging expected respectful behaviour.
- Engaging collaboratively and positively with all students, parents and carers.

Safe

- Having clear policies and procedures to prevent and respond to bullying and keep students safe.
- Offering additional supports to students proactively and supporting students to speak up and seek help.
- Proactively identifying and addressing problems to maintain a physically, socially and culturally safe school environment.

Engaged

- Delivering evidence-based, inclusive education that meets the needs of all students.
- Empowering students to have a say in decisions that affect their learning and school life.
- Building strong, trusting relationships to ensure all students feel seen, heard and valued.

How parents and carers can help

By modelling and encouraging positive behaviour, you help your child build the skills and habits they need to be successful at school. This can include:

Respectful

- Knowing the school's rules and supporting them at home.
- Modelling respectful behaviour in how you speak to and about school staff, families, and others both in person and online.
- Making use of the school's processes to raise and resolve concerns early.

Safe

- Working together with staff if your child is having problems at school to understand and resolve the issue.
- Ensuring your child knows it is okay to ask for help from a trusted adult at school.
- Ensuring your child stays safe online by talking with them and addressing concerns early.

Engaged

- Helping your child to attend school every day - every day counts.
- Communicating with school staff and working together to support your child's learning and wellbeing.
- Talking with your child about their day and how they are feeling and encouraging their learning by noticing their effort and progress.

The [Respectful, safe, engaged: shared expectations to support student behaviour statement](#) is available on the department's website.

Further information, resources and support are available at [Supporting positive behaviour in Victorian government schools](#).

NAPOLEONS GENERAL STORE

LUNCH ORDER MENU 2025

PIE & PASTIE	\$ 5.50
SAUSAGE ROLL	\$ 5.00
PARTY PIE	\$ 2.80
HOT DOG	\$ 4.99
PIZZA HAM & CHEESE	\$ 5.00
STEAMED DIMSIM	\$ 1.50
CHICKEN NUGGETS	\$ 1.00

HAM & CHEESE	\$ 5.99
HAM CHEESE TOMATO	\$ 5.99
CHICKEN CHEESE MAYO	\$ 5.99
EGG & LETTUCE	\$ 5.99
CHEESE SANDWICH	\$ 4.99

DRINKS

LARGE MILK CHOC OR STRAWBERRY	\$ 6.00
SMALL MILK CHOC OR STRAWBERRY	\$ 3.50
POP TOP - APPLE ,ORANGE , APPLE- BLACKCURRANT	\$ 3.50
WATER	\$ 3.00

SNACKS

YO YO BISCUIT	\$ 2.50
ICY POLE LEMONADE	\$ 2.50
POTATO CAKE	\$2.00
MINI MUFFINS	\$2.80



RESPECT

our school staff



"I need to
speak to you
right now."



**Be the role model
your child deserves.**



Department
of Education

1. Make an emergency plan



WHO ...

do I need to consider?
do I need to tell?

WHAT ...

do I need to know?
do I need to do?

WHERE ...

will I go?
do I get information?
do I keep my plan?

HOW ...

will I get there?
will I get there - plan B?

WHY ...

do I need to make a plan?

TO SUPPORT PLANNING:

To prepare for fire
cfa.vic.gov.au

To prepare for flood and storm
ses.vic.gov.au

Set up a watch zone
emergency.vic.gov.au

Rediplan
redcross.org.au/prepare

2. Back up information



Important things to save:

- Your emergency plan
- Identification (to prove who you are)

DOCUMENTS

- Insurance policies
- Property documents
- Medical information and prescriptions
- Financial records

HOME INVENTORY

- Photos of possessions
- Photos of house assets
- Receipts, warranties etc.

CONTACT LIST

- Family
- Utility providers
- Other:

3. Prepare a kit



Gather and store items ready to support you and your family for 72 hours:

 WATER	 MEDICATION	 RADIO & BATTERIES
 TORCH	 DOCUMENTS	 FOOD
 FIRST AID	 CLOTHES	 TOILETRIES
 MONEY	 PHONE & CHARGER	 PETS NEEDS
 CHILDREN'S NEEDS	 GLASSES	 WHAT ELSE?

4. Stay informed



WARNINGS AND ADVICE

It is important to tune into official and accurate information channels to stay informed with the facts before, during and after an emergency.



emergency.vic.gov.au
Hotline: 1800 226 226
Press 9 for Interpreter



107.9FM | 102.3FM | 103.1FM | 584AM | 774AM

Warnings – It's important to read the whole warning for information on evacuations, Emergency Relief Centres and more.



Whatever the emergency



HEATWAVE STORM FIRE

Expect the unexpected

Emergencies can be hard to predict and emergency services may be unable to reach you in a disaster.

What will you do for the first 72 hours if you have no services, such as:



NO POWER



NO WATER



NO GAS



NO RECEPTION



NO ROAD ACCESS



LIMITED FOOD

Be Prepared

Prepare yourself and your family for a stressful emergency situation.

For 24/7 crisis support call Lifeline 13 11 14 or Beyond Blue 1300 22 4636

Develop a Plan

Use your plan and support network to help you through this time.



For more information about preparing for, and responding to emergency events visit <https://www.ballarat.vic.gov.au/city/emergencies>

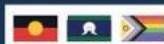
The First 72 Hours workshop was supported by the Victorian Government.

Collaboration between:
Alpine & Moira Shire Councils

In conjunction with:
Country Fire Authority
Victoria State Emergency Service
Albury Wodonga Ethnic Communities Council

In consultation with:
Hume Region Municipal Emergency Management Enhancement Group

Thankyou to Corangamite Shire Council for the initial work



What are you going to do?



You can handle any emergency better if you are prepared!





GOOD CLEAN FUN

PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK

NAPOLEANS AT AUSKICK PROGRAM

Napoleans at School Auskick

Monday's 4-week Program - \$55

3.30 PM after school - School Oval

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Tuesday 16th Dec, 4:30 - Phoenix College



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4:30PM - 5:30PM | AGES 5 - 12 YEARS OLD

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